



# Idaho Potatoes

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## Update Alert

**Adjusted WA and Other Area, OR potatoes used for processing to April 1. Stocks for both OR and WA corrected.**

### March Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Down 10 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.91 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes during March, down 10 percent from March 2007. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 55.5 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes to April 1, down 2.1 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 48.4 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 7.11 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 140 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same period last year but up 5 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 29.3 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same period in 2006.

### Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2005 – 2007 Crops 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUNE 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Malheur Co, OR All Potatoes	2005-06	8,410	15,870	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
	2006-07	11,640	19,730	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
	2007-08	10,860	18,650	26,230	33,260	40,220	48,570	55,480			
IDAHO Potatoes	2005-06	5,580	11,880	18,200	24,430	30,810	37,870	44,960	51,140	57,610	69,170
	2006-07	8,370	15,690	22,870	29,550	36,430	43,750	50,990	57,240	64,560	78,510
	2007-08	6,760	13,460	20,900	27,770	34,320	42,120	48,370			
Maine 2/	2005-06			1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
	2006-07			1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
	2007-08			1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,985			
WA & Other Area, OR	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
	2006-07	16,930	23,845	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
	2007-08	15,060	22,305	28,995	34,675	39,700	47,390	53,645			
Other States 3/	2005-06			11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
	2006-07			14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
	2007-08			15,040	17,560	20,890	23,955	26,605			
TOTAL	2005-06			65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
	2006-07			74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
	2007-08			71,965	87,665	103,625	123,355	139,715			
DEHYDRATED 4/	2005-06			11,920	15,655	19,225	22,765	26,605	30,065	34,130	41,625
	2006-07			14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
	2007-08			12,660	16,680	20,965	25,185	29,300			

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

### Idaho Potato Stocks Up 10 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 51.0 million cwt, 4.50 million cwt more than on hand April 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 80.7 million cwt is down from last year's 82.4 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.40 million cwt, up from last year's 2.30 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 48.6 million cwt, were up from the 44.2 million cwt stored on April 1, 2007.

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### Potato Stocks (continued)

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 134 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, up 10 percent from a year ago and 15 percent above April 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Potato disappearance, at 266 million cwt, was 1 percent below April 1, 2007 but up 3 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 21.6 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but up 7 percent from 2006.

Western States held 102.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage on April 1, up 18 percent from a year ago and 16 percent above 2006. Washington's potato stocks were 55 percent above last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 21 percent from April 1, 2007. California's potato stocks decreased 25 percent from 2007, while Colorado's and Montana's stocks were both down 17 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 24.4 million cwt of all potato stocks on April 1, down 5 percent from a year ago but 20 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks were down 5 percent from last year; North Dakota's stocks were 24 percent below 2007; and potato stocks in Nebraska were down 13 percent from the previous season. Minnesota's stocks increased 5 percent from the same date in 2007 and Michigan's potato stocks were 61 percent higher than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 6.50 million cwt of potatoes on April 1, down 21 percent from a year earlier and 7 percent below April 1, 2006. Maine's potato stocks were 19 percent lower than last year and New York's potato stocks decreased 40 percent from a year ago.

#### Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2002-2007, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/ 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
1,000 Cwt								
IDAHO								
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000	18,500
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	131,650	94,000	84,000	74,000	63,000	51,000		
13 States 1/								
2002 2/	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 2/	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 2/	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007	400,085	270,100	237,500	206,200	171,800	133,600		

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states. 2/ 15 states prior to 2005.

#### Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on April 1, 2007 and April 1, 2008 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2007	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2008	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,870	800	21	4,223	600	14
Colorado	22,686	9,000	40	20,981	7,500	36
Idaho	128,915	46,500	36	131,650	51,000	39
Maine	17,980	7,700	43	16,530	6,200	38
Michigan	14,190	1,800	13	14,700	2,900	20
Minnesota	20,400	6,100	30	20,680	6,400	31
Montana	3,518	2,300	65	3,696	1,900	51
Nebraska	8,730	2,400	27	8,051	2,100	26
New York	5,700	500	9	5,216	300	6
North Dakota	25,480	7,900	31	23,660	6,000	25
Oregon	18,533	7,600	41	20,238	9,200	45
Washington	89,900	21,000	23	102,300	32,500	32
Wisconsin	29,370	7,400	25	28,160	7,000	25
13 STATES	389,272	121,000	31	400,085	133,600	33
Klamath Basin 2/		1,400			1,150	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.